

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

- 1.(Original) A tablet packing apparatus provided with a tablet drop guide path that guides tablets to a packing unit, the tablets drop obliquely downward from each of tablet outlets of tablet feeders provided in an up and down direction in a manner of multistage shelf, wherein a bounce preventing member is provided in a position opposing to the tablet outlets of the tablet drop guide path, and wherein the bounce preventing member is obliquely provided so that it recedes from the tablet outlets toward the lower end.
- 2.(Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein the bounce preventing member comprises a flexible plate.
3. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein any one end of the upper end and lower end of the bounce preventing member is supported movably in a direction of thickness while the other end is movable in a direction of thickness.
- 4.(Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein any one end of the upper end and lower end of the bounce preventing member is supported fixedly while the other end is movable in a direction of thickness.

5.(Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4 in~~
claim 1, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

6.(Original) A tablet packing apparatus provided with a tablet drop guide path that guides tablets to a packing unit, the tablets drop obliquely downward from each of tablet outlets of tablet feeders provided in an up and down direction in a manner of multistage shelf, wherein a bounce preventing member is provided so as to extend obliquely from the lower edge of the upper-stage tablet outlet or the vicinity thereof to a position apart from the lower-stage tablet outlet.

7.(Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 6, wherein the lower half portion of the bounce preventing member comprises a vertical portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 6-~~or 7~~, wherein the bounce preventing member comprises a cover portion extending from the lower end of it to the upper edge of the lower-stage tablet outlet.

9.(Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in ~~any one of Claims 6 to 8~~
claim 6, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.

10. (Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, provided with a tablet drop guide path that guides tablets to a packing unit, the tablets drop obliquely downward from each of tablet outlets of tablet feeders provided in an up and down direction in a manner of multistage shelf, comprising a bounce preventing member as in any one of Claims 1 to 5 and a bounce preventing member as in any one of Claims 6 to 9 further comprising a second bounce preventing member provided so as to extend obliquely from a lower edge of an upper-stage tablet outlet or the vicinity thereof to a position apart from the lower-stage tablet outlet.

11.(New) The tablet packing apparatus as claim in 2, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

12.(New) The tablet packing apparatus as claim in 3, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

13.(New) The tablet packing apparatus as claim in 4, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.

14.(New) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 7, wherein the bounce preventing member comprises a cover portion extending from the lower end of it to the upper edge of the lower-stage tablet outlet.

15.(New) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 7, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.

16.(New) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 8, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.